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LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending 31st December, 1957

To the Chairman and Members of the District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1957. This consists mainly of statistics but additional information is given where necessary.

POPULATION

Registrar General's estimate for 1957 is 4,410.

BIRTHS

There were 54 live births during 1957. Of these 32 were males, and 22 females. 69% were born in Maternity Institutions or Hospitals.

Two illegitimate children are included in the above total.

The Crude Birth Rate was 12.2 per 1,000, compared with 11.8 per 1,000 for 1956 and when adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas, this was 13.7.

Two Still Births were registered.

DEATHS

The number of deaths during 1957 was 66. Of these 27 were males and 39 females.

The Crude Death Rate was 14.9 per 1,000 compared with 14.7 per 1,000 for 1956 and when adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas, this was 12.4.

The principal causes of death were as follows:-

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>
Coronary Disease of Heart.....	2	...	3	...	5
Other Diseases of Heart.....	4	...	6	...	10
Diseases of Blood Vessels.....	3	...	5	...	8
Diseases of Blood Vessels of Brain.....	2	...	8	...	10
Cancer of Lungs.....	2	...	1	...	3
Cancer - other forms.....	4	...	5	...	9
Influenza.....	1	...	2	...	3
Bronchitis.....	2	...	1	...	3
Accidental or Violence.....	3	...	3	...	6
Suicide.....	-	...	1	...	1
Other Diseases.....	4	...	4	...	8
	<hr/> 27		<hr/> 39		<hr/> 66

INFANT MORTALITY

Three children under the age of 12 months died, the cause of death being Prematurity (2) and Haemorrhage of brain during birth.

The Infant Mortality Rate is therefore 55.5 per 1,000 births.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

No deaths occurred as a result of pregnancy.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Apart from a number of cases of Measles during the summer months, no epidemic of the more common Infectious Diseases occurred.

The following figures indicate the extent to which all types of infection occurred. No case of severe food poisoning was reported.

Measles.....	59
Chicken Pox.....	1
Pneumonia.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	5
Dysentery.....	7
Food Poisoning.....	2

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens obtained from patients by family practitioners for various bacteriological tests are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Reports upon such specimens are sent to the patient's own doctor and copies are forwarded to the Health Office.

TUBERCULOSIS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number of cases on the register on 31/12/56 was	- 10	... 14
The number of cases added to register during 1957 was	- 6	... 1
The number of cases removed from register during 1957 was	- 1	... -
The number of cases remaining on register on 31/12/57 was	- <u>17</u>	<u>15</u>

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN (Service under County Council Administration)

Hollingworth Clinic

A weekly Ante-natal Clinic is held following a School-child Nurse's session each Tuesday afternoon. The local Domiciliary Midwife attends for the purpose of booking and the examination of cases desirous of having their lying-in period at home.

One session per month is devoted to immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and is undertaken by the Divisional Medical Officer.

These premises now also afford accommodation for Chiropody treatment of elderly persons weekly. This service inaugurated by the Mottram Welfare of the Aged Committee has proved to be beneficial to aged persons who obtain treatment at cost.

(Hollingworth Clinic -ctd.)

Child Welfare Sessions were held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the year - a local Medical Practitioner and Health Visitor being in attendance.

<u>Now Cases</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>	<u>Average Attendances</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor</u>
36 (41)	1,214 (1,281)	51 (53)	217 (224)

The M. & C. W. Clinic in the Methodist Church School, Broadbottom, is held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons each month. A local Medical Practitioner and Health Visitor attend to give advice on child care and to carry out immunisation treatment.

<u>Now Cases</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>	<u>Average Attendances</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor</u>
17 (16)	595 (565)	25 (24)	127 (120)

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Supplies of these commodities are available during Hollingworth and Broadbottom Clinic Sessions.

The assistance given by voluntary helpers in the clinics in this work is much appreciated.

The duties undertaken by these members include weighing of children, keeping of records, provision of tea to mothers, and the sale of infant foods and other nourishments approved by the Medical Officer.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The area is covered by the Hyde Health Division for general, accident, and infectious cases, the numbers conveyed being:-

Hollingworth.....	1,002
Broadbottom.....	874
Mottram.....	661
	<u>2,537</u>

NURSING IN THE HOME

One full-time Domiciliary Nurse attended 76 patients in Mottram and Broadbottom upon 2,545 occasions.

The Hollingworth district is served by a Nurse whose duties also include cases resident in Tintwistle (Separate figures for Hollingworth residents are not readily available).

Due to the scattered area allocated to this particular nurse, she uses her own motor car and is reimbursed on a mileage basis for all official journeys connected with her nursing duties.

Nursing requisites are stored at private addresses in Mottram and Broadbottom and at the M. & C.W. Centre at Hollingworth. Requisites such as back-rests, bed-pans etc. are available on loan from the stores by application to either of these nurses.

MIDWIFERY

Midwives attended the 17 cases in which the births took place in the homes of patients. The trend for childbirth to take place in maternity institutions is revealed by the fact that 37 of the notified births took place in Hospitals or Maternity Homes.

Facilities are available at the Hollingworth M. & C.W. Centro for the Midwife to carry out examinations of her patients prior to confinement.

HEALTH VISITING

One Health Visitor supervises the welfare of infants, young children, expectant mothers and nursing mothers by paying visits to the homes and attending at the Clinics. Visits to cases of Tuberculosis for Care and After-Care purposes, and to any aged and infirm persons in need of attention also form part of her duties.

The number of types of visits paid to the homes in Longdendale and Tintwistle as under:-

<u>Expectant Mothers</u>	<u>Children Under five</u>	<u>School Children</u>	<u>Re Home Helps</u>	<u>T.B.</u>	<u>Mental Cases</u>	<u>Aged Persons</u>	<u>Other</u>
153 (186)	3,829 (3,445)	178 (341)	68 (75)	100 (71)	53 (27)	397 (373)	359 (292)

Figures in brackets indicate the corresponding numbers in the previous year.

The Health Visitor possesses a motor-car which she uses for her work and for which she is reimbursed according to the mileage covered.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The report of your Public Health Inspector has been submitted to me and is attached for your consideration and approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

F.W.C.BROWN,

Medical Officer of Health

Municipal Buildings,
Greenfield Street,
HYDE.

June, 1958.

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Inspector's Report for the year ending
31st December, 1957

To the Chairman and Members
of the District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my report for the year ending 31st December 1957. This is the ninth annual report which I have made to the Council and as it is probably the last one I would like to preface it with a few figures showing progress in Public Health matters since the end of 1945. This particular year has been chosen because it is the commencement of a return to normal life after a period of war and also because that year saw the disappearance of the last privy and the last midden in the District.

	1/1/46	31/12/57	Increase or Decrease over 1946		% of total Dwellings as at	
			No	%	1/1/46	31/12/57
Separate Dwellings	1675	1815	+140	+8.35	-	-
<u>Dwellings served by</u>						
(a) Chemical, and Pail Closets	876	693	-183	-20.88	52.3	38.1
(b) Water Carriage Closets	799	1122	+323	+40.43	47.7	61.9
(a) Council Sewerage System	795	942	+147	+18.5	47.5	51.9
(b) Septic Tanks	204	293	+ 89	+43.62	12.5	16.1
(c) Other means	676	580	- 96	-14.2	40.0	32.0
(a) Public Piped Water Supply	1477	1672	+195	+13.2	88.2	92.1
(b) Private Water Supply	198	143	- 55	-27.7	11.8	7.9
Dwellings with baths	377	681	+304	+80.6	22.5	37.0
Number of Septic Tanks	88	133	+ 45	+51.1	-	-

The above table shows an overall improvement in the sanitary conditions of the District and although much work remains to be done before the ideal state is reached this recorded progress is a tribute to the efforts of the Council in implementing:-

- (1) The Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts-for houses purchase by private individuals
- (2) The Housing Acts - for improvement grants to property owners and closure and demolition of unsatisfactory houses
- (3) The Public Health Acts - for grants to convert sanitary convenience to fresh water closets

HOUSING AND BUILDING

Progress

1. <u>Houses</u>	- Private Dwellings built	6
	Extensions to houses	2
	Demolitions, closure and removal	14
2. <u>Other</u>	- New Erections	20
	Re-building	1
	Extensions	2
	Removals	8
3. <u>Changes-</u>	House & Shop to House	1
	House to House & Shop	1
	Club to Two Dwellings	1
	House to lock up Hairdressers	1
	Inn to house	1
	Workshop to Garage	1
	Garage to Store	1

Improvement

During the year eight dwellings have been improved under the grants allowed by the Council under the Housing Acts.

ADMINISTRATION

Inspections, Interviews etc

(a) Dwellings	66
(b) Yards and Passages	81
(c) Drainage, Watercourses and Sewers	216
(d) Refuse Disposal and Sanitary Conveniences	862
(e) Offensive Accumulations	17
(f) Keeping of Animals etc	99
(g) Offensive Trades	24
(h) Slaughterhouses and Knackers Yards	269
(i) Factories	32
(j) Workplaces	31
(k) Food Premises	134
(l) Dairies and Milk Distributors	10
(m) Notifiable Diseases	6
(n) Disinfection and Disinfestation (excluding rats and mice)	18
(o) Miscellaneous and Interview	191
	<u>2056</u>

Notices etc

Informal Notices served	81
Statutory Notices served	10
Nuisances abated with or without notice	183

Water Supply

The Statutory Water Undertakers for the District are the Manchester Corporation Waterworks who took over the undertaking of the Council in April. The main source of water is still from Hungry Hole Springs at Arnfield but connection has been made to a supply from Robinsons Moss, Tintwistle which can be used in emergencies. The undertakers have a scheme prepared to provide a better supply to the higher parts of the District which still suffer inconvenience.

About 143 properties still are dependent on private supplies.

Scavenging

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at a site between Broadbottom Road and Stockport Road. Considerable hindrance to the effective management of this tip has resulted from the fire reported in 1956. During the year, however, the isolated portion burned itself out and it was then possible to grade and level the entire surface of the tip for better working. This site has only a few more years of useful life and other accommodation should be sought and prepared for use.

During the summer months the tip is regularly dusted with insecticide and is inspected all the year round for rats.

Labour and transport for this service are under the control of the Engineer & Surveyor and most of the District is cleared weekly. An isolated group of houses at the Hague, Broadbottom is dealt with by a local farmer who is employed by the Council for the purpose.

During the year the Council have supplied 83 dustbins and 28 pails on receipt of orders from owners of property who are then charged for the service

Sewerage

The two sewage works at Broadbottom and Hollingworth continue to function satisfactorily and samples of the effluents are of a standard which is acceptable to the Mersey River Board. Both works are scheduled for improvement and enlargement in the Councils sewerage scheme which, when completed will embrace the greater part of the District. Progress is slow and at present over half the District is not served by public sewerage system.

During the year the Counvil's offer up to £8 for the conversion of any toilet to fresh water closet has only attracted 2 such conversions. There were in addition 3 conversions as a result of improvement grants and thirteen other FWCs were installed.

RODENT CONTROL

The annual 10% test of the sewer manholes was carried out and infestations of a minor nature were discovered in both systems and treated accordingly.

245 premises were specifically inspected in connection with rodent control, 34 infestations were found and the total calls made to deal with rodent control came to 410.

Offensive Trades

There is only one offensive trade in the area and it is fat extraction which is carried out at Hyde Brook Works.

These works are adjacent two roads and there are a number of houses in the immediate vicinity and despite regular inspection there are complaints of offensive smells from time to time. Pollution of the Hyde Brook has decreased since the time that some of the residual liquor from one of the processes has been taken to the Hollingworth Sewage Outfall and the stream is in a much better condition.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

Supplies of free disinfectant are available in the three villages and there have been 24 inspections and visits directly due to illness and infestation other than rodents.

FACTORIES

32 visits have been made to the 25 factories remaining on the Register at the end of the year. One instance of unsatisfactory sanitary accommodation was remedied after informal notice.

Workplaces

There are 38 workplaces most of which are not regularly occupied or owe their existence to the presence of a factory. They were found to be satisfactory on inspection.

FOOD

Premises - Analysis at the year end.

TYPE	No.	REGISTRATION (if any)			
		Sec.16 Food & Drugs Act 1955		Milk and Dairies Regulations	
		Ice Cream	Preserved Food	Distributor	Dairies
1. Chip Potatoes, Fried Fish	5		5		
2. Butchers	8		6		
3. Manufacturing Bakery					
Grocery & Sweets	8	3	4	1	
4. Grocery, Sweets, Greengrocery	11	3		4	
5. Grocery, Sweets	10	2		3	
6. Sweets	7	4		1	
7. Greengrocery	4				
8. Greengrocery, Fish	3				
9. Public Houses	15				
10. Club selling drinks	4				
11. Factory & School Canteens	8				
12. Snack Bar	2	1			
13. Cinema	1				
14. Hostel	1				
15. Cafe	1				
16. Dairies	1			1	1
	90	13	15	10	1

PREMISES - Inspections

There have been 43 inspections of premises registered under Sec.16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 and the Milk Dairies Regulations and 91 to other food premises. These premises were, for the most part, satisfactory and such defects as were found were put right on informal notice.

CONDEMNED FOOD

A small amount of food was condemned after being surrendered voluntarily and disposed of at the Councils tip.

ICE CREAM

No ice cream is manufactured in the District and there has not been any need for action under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947-1952

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955-57

No legal action has been necessary under these Regulations or under the Council's Byelaws.

At the end of the year of the 49 farm holdings in the District only 34 were producing milk for sale the remainder were either vacant or not keeping milking stock.

Registrations at the end of the year were :-

Dairies	1
Distributors	12
Sterilised Milk - Dealers	12, Supplementary 1
Pasteurised " - "	5 " 1
Tuberculin Tested - "	3 " 1

There has been no cause for action under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949, Part VII

MEAT

Licensed Slaughterhouses

There are three licensed slaughterhouses which are in regular use and all are situated in Hollingworth.

Knackers Yard

A portion of Hyde Brook Works is licensed as a Knackers Yard.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART						
	Cattle Excluding Cows Calves Cows			Sheep Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	137	142	14	767	59	-
Number inspected	137	142	14	755	59	-
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	-	.1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	13	22	-	28	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerici	9.49	15.5	7.13	3.71	3.39	-
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part pr organ was condemned	15	28	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	10.95	20.41	-	-	-	-
CYSTICERCI						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

It has been possible to examine approximately 98% of the animals killed in the District during the year.

On all occasions the Officials and Staff of the Council have been most co-operative and I thank them for their assistance.

Yours faithfully,

ARNOLD SWINDELLS,

Public Health Inspector.

Council Offices,
Motttram Moor,
HOLLINGWORTH.

June 1958

